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CHINA: BILATERAL TALKS IN BRUNEI

Q: What were the main accomplishments of the Secretary's meeting with Foreign Minister Qian?

A:-- The one-and-a-half-hour meeting was constructive and useful. The Secretary covered the whole range of our bilateral relations: Harry Wu, non-proliferation, trade and human rights. The Secretary gave Qian a letter for President Jiang Zemin from President Clinton. The issue of a possible summit was raised but no decisions were made.

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-- There were no breakthroughs on specific issues, however Qian agreed that we would continue our talks at the level of Undersecretary/vice foreign minister. Undersecretary Tarnoff and His counterpart, Vice Minister Li Zhaoxing, will meet in the near future at a date to be decided through diplomatic channels. The Foreign Minister also agreed to meet Secretary Christopher again on the margins of the UN General Assembly.

-- Secretary Christopher reaffirmed our one China policy and reiterated our belief that we could not rule out the possibility that Taiwan officials may visit the United States at some future date.

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